

IMPROVEMENT IN THE STOCK MARKET—Prices Generally Better.

MONEY STRONGER—GOLD FIRM

Quarterly Statement of the New York National Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THURSDAY, Oct. 15-1874. The market to-day was strong and indicative of a reaction from the low prices that have recently ruled. Sympathetically the leader was Erie, but outside of this stock others gave signs of elasticity and moved upward with an advance hereafter reported. Quite a number of "points," to use the street parlance, were given out to the effect that Washburn certainly pay its November interest, and that Northwest common and Union Pacific were a purchase, because of under-ground manipulation, and that Western Union and Lake Shore would eventually astonish the market. A prediction concerning a market that is ruled by changes or to run counter to the logic of events which is written all over the financial heavens. The diversity of opinion among speculators is so evenly balanced that it is almost impossible to state a proposition which is not sustained by an equal array of facts on both sides. While the intellect and the judgment of the street is thus antagonized, it is only natural that we should look for sudden, if not sharp, fluctuations. A few days will discover whether the tendency is still downward. The sentiment of the street at the close was in favor of higher prices.

The following list will show the changes between the closing prices yesterday and to-day—

Stock	Change
Central	1/2
Delaware and Lackawanna	1/2
Erie	1/2
Hamilton and St. Joseph	1/2
Lake Shore	1/2
Northwestern	1/2
Union Pacific	1/2
Western Union	1/2

The following table shows the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day—

Stock	Open	High	Low
Central	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Erie	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2
Lake Shore	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2
Northwestern	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2
Union Pacific	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2
Western Union	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2

The interest attached to various stocks may be inferred from the record of transactions, which is as follows. It will be seen that the aggregate of sales was 165,000 shares—New York Central and Hudson, 1,500; Erie, 30,000; Lake Shore, 25,000; Northwestern, 1,000; do, preferred, 100; Rock Island, 4,000; Pacific Mail, 15,000; St. Paul, 4,000; do, preferred, 400; Ohio, 7,000; Western Union, 34,000; Washburn, 4,000; Union Pacific, 11,000; C. & N. Y., 2,100; Panama, 4,000; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 200.

THE FOREIGN MARKET. London advises that the Bank of England today raised its rate of discount from 3 to 4 per cent. The bank lost in bullion during the past week £270,000 sterling, the proportion of reserve to liabilities being reduced to 33%, against 37% this day week. The bank gained £300,000 sterling on balance to-day. The rate for money at the Stock Exchange on government securities is 2 per cent. To-day is fortuitously settling day at the stock exchange. The market for consols and American securities is reported quiet. Erie, however, advanced from 25 1/2 to 26 1/2. The specie in the Bank of France decreased 3,500,000 francs during the past week. The explanation of the loss to France and the increase of the bank rate in England is that Germany is drawing gold from the strong boxes of the London and Paris bankers, and is likely to continue to do so for some time hence. Rates at Paris 6 1/2 %. The following are the five o'clock quotations—Consols for money, 92 1/2; do, bonds, 1895, 103 1/2; do, 1867, 109 1/2; do, 1869, 104 1/2; Erie, 26 1/2. Market quiet but steady.

MONEY IN MORE REQUEST TO-DAY THAN USUAL, and touched a 4 per cent, but it may be due to the fact that the New York Central Company was paying a 4 per cent dividend on \$8,000,000 of stock, Western Union 2 per cent on about \$34,500,000 and Panama 3 per cent on \$7,000,000. The payment of these dividends probably necessitated the calling in of some loans. The rates on call loans generally ranged from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. For foreign exchange the demand was good and indicative of a more active commercial market. Prices closed much more firmly than yesterday. The principal business was at 4 1/2 for prime bankers' sixty days' sterling and 4 1/4 for foreign gold.

Without exhibiting any unusual animation, the gold market was firm and showed a slight advance on yesterday's prices, with a disposition to buy. The opening and closing rates were 110 1/2 and 110. The rates paid for borrowing were 1 and 2 per cent to flat. The bids for government gold at the sub-treasury today amounted to \$2,000,000, at prices ranging from 109 1/2 to 110 1/2.

OPERATIONS OF THE GOLD EXCHANGE BANK. Gold balances, \$1,200,000; currency balances, \$1,200,000; gold clearances, \$1,200,000.

THE CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT. Currency balances, \$1,200,000; gold balances, \$1,200,000.

RAILROAD BONDS. Railroad bonds were firm and in good request. The sales amounted to \$100,000. One lot of \$25,000 Morris and Essex seven, 0 1/2, sold at 97, and another of \$50,000 Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw consolidated at 100. New York Central first brought 101; Hartford, 100; Rock Island preferred, 100; Michigan Southern sinking fund, 100; Buffalo, New York and Erie firsts, 91; Michigan Central preferred, 101; Port Wayne firsts, 101; Chicago and Alton income, 90; Ohio and Mississippi sinking fund, consolidated, 91; Alton and Terre Haute firsts, 100; Pittsburgh third, 100; do, fourths, 91; Union Pacific first, 95 1/2, and land grants, 95 1/2.

BANK SHARES. Bank shares sold at 50 for America, 124 1/2 for New York, 118 1/2 for Merchants, 100 for Nassau and 90 for the United National.

THE UNITED STATES TREASURY. The treasury at Washington received \$115,000 national bank notes for redemption to-day. The total amount of bonds received at Washington under June call amounted to \$4,000,000. The internal revenue receipts to-day amounted to \$400,000. The customs receipts were \$200,000. The Assistant Treasurer to-day paid out \$2,000,000 on account of interest and \$12,000 in redemption of Treasury bonds. The following are the Treasury balances: currency, \$14,500,000; coin, \$50,000,000; less coin certificates, \$21,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BONDS. closed at the following quotations—United States currency notes, 117 1/2; do, 117 1/2; do, 118 1/2; do, 119 1/2; do, 120 1/2; do, 121 1/2; do, 122 1/2; do, 123 1/2; do, 124 1/2; do, 125 1/2; do, 126 1/2; do, 127 1/2; do, 128 1/2; do, 129 1/2; do, 130 1/2; do, 131 1/2; do, 132 1/2; do, 133 1/2; do, 134 1/2; do, 135 1/2; do, 136 1/2; do, 137 1/2; do, 138 1/2; do, 139 1/2; do, 140 1/2; do, 141 1/2; do, 142 1/2; do, 143 1/2; do, 144 1/2; do, 145 1/2; do, 146 1/2; do, 147 1/2; do, 148 1/2; do, 149 1/2; do, 150 1/2; do, 151 1/2; do, 152 1/2; do, 153 1/2; do, 154 1/2; do, 155 1/2; do, 156 1/2; do, 157 1/2; do, 158 1/2; do, 159 1/2; do, 160 1/2; do, 161 1/2; do, 162 1/2; do, 163 1/2; do, 164 1/2; do, 165 1/2; do, 166 1/2; do, 167 1/2; do, 168 1/2; do, 169 1/2; do, 170 1/2; do, 171 1/2; do, 172 1/2; do, 173 1/2; do, 174 1/2; do, 175 1/2; do, 176 1/2; do, 177 1/2; do, 178 1/2; do, 179 1/2; do, 180 1/2; do, 181 1/2; do, 182 1/2; do, 183 1/2; do, 184 1/2; do, 185 1/2; do, 186 1/2; 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